

**TITLE 730. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CHAPTER 50. SIZE AND WEIGHT PERMITS [NEW]**

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Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

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SUMMARY:

The proposed new rules are needed because 2022 HB 4008 was passed to move the size and weights permit program that appears in 47 O.S. §14-101 to §14-126 from DPS to ODOT. As a result, DPS and ODOT size and weight rules needed to be consolidated and modified to appear only in Title 730. This creates a new Title 730, Chapter 50 Size and Weight Permits, which combines and updates all former size and weights rules that existing in Title 730 and Title 595 and places them in one Title and one Chapter of the OAC. DPS and ODOT have taken action to revoke all older size and weights rules so these rules are needed to carry out the requirements of the updated statutes governing size and weight permits.

AUTHORITY:

69 O.S. 2021, §§ 301, 303, 304, 47 O.S. §§ 14-101 to 14-126; 2022 Legislative HB 4008; Oklahoma Transportation Commission.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons wishing to present their comments or view in writing may do so before 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2023, to Lisa Erickson Endres, ODOT Assistant General Counsel and Administrative Procedures Rulemaking Liaison, 200 N.E. 21st, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or at lendres@odot.org.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, pursuant to 75 O.S., Section 303(B)(9), "persons may demand a hearing" by contacting Lisa Erickson Endres, ODOT Assistant General Counsel and Administrative Procedures Rulemaking Liaison, at (405) 521-2681 or lendres@odot.org no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2023.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

N/A

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Lisa Erickson Endres, Assistant General Counsel, 200 N.E. 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or a request for a copy of the rules can be sent electronically to lendres@odot.org.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., §303(D), a rule impact statement is being prepared and will be available for review on or before December 30, 2022, at the above address or on the ODOT website beginning on December 30, 2022.

CONTACT PERSON:

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

730:50-1-1. Purpose

(a) The Department of Transportation issues permits for oversize, overweight vehicles. The purpose of this chapter is to set forth the guidelines and procedures for obtaining size and weight permits. Through the process of granting oversize and overweight vehicle permits, it is the intent of the Oklahoma Transportation Department to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that the traveling public is protected from potential traffic hazards and the public interest and investment in state owned transportation facilities are protected through meaningful control of vehicle sizes and weights exceeding statutory limitations while providing adequate eligibility to permit, where in the public interest, the non-routine movements of oversize and/or overweight vehicles.

(b) For purposes of this chapter, the term "oversize, overweight" shall mean oversize or overweight or both oversize and overweight.

730:50-1-2. Applicability; adoption by reference

(a) Permits authorizing the movement of oversize, overweight vehicles upon all public-roads and highways within the State of Oklahoma are issued in harmony with the Size, Weight and Load laws contained in Title 47, Oklahoma Statutes, Chapter 14, and the rules in this Chapter.

(b) This Chapter shall apply to all public roads and highways of this state which are subject to the permit provisions of the Oklahoma Statutes, and which direct the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation in the issuance of such permits. The provisions of this Chapter pertain to all routes of the State Highway System including, without limitation, the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and all toll facilities (turnpikes) carrying an Interstate Highway, US Highway or State Highway designation, and such other roads, streets, or public ways as the Director of the Department of Transportation shall deem appropriate.

730:50-1-3. Permit parameters

A permit, when issued by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation in accordance with the laws of the State of Oklahoma and provisions of this Chapter shall, subject to the conditions and restrictions of the law and these rules, constitute the limited written permission of the State of Oklahoma for the movement of a specific vehicle and/or load within the State which exceeds any size or weight limitations of Title 47 O.S. 2021, Chapter 14 and any lawful amendments thereto, or, with regard to the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, exceeds any of the provisions of Title 23 U.S.C., Section 127 or associated federal regulations.

SUBCHAPTER 3. SIZE AND WEIGHT PERMIT DEFINITIONS, APPLICATION PROCESS AND LIABILITIES

730:50-3-1. When a permit is required

A permit is required when a vehicle or load which exceeds legal size or weight limits, or both, is to be moved upon the roads and highways of this state. [47 O.S. §14-101 *et seq.*]

730:50-3-2. A permit is a legal document, permit types

(a) Permit defined. A permit is a legal document authorizing the permittee to move a vehicle or load, which is oversize, overweight, or both, upon the public roads and highways of this state when the route constitutes the safest practical routing.

A permit, subject to the conditions and restrictions of the law and these rules, constitutes the

limited written permission of the State of Oklahoma for the movement of a specific vehicle and/or load which exceeds any size or weight limitations of Title 47 O.S. 2021, Chapter 14 and any lawful amendments thereto, or, with regard to the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, exceeds any of the provisions of Title 23 U.S.C., Section 127 or associated federal regulation. The permit shall be carried in the driver's possession and consist of:

- (1) the information furnished by the applicant contained in the permit,
- (2) the conditions and restrictions stated in the permit, and
- (3) the applicable provisions of this Chapter, Oklahoma law, or any combination of provisions.

(b) Annual permits. Annual permits, as authorized by 47 O.S. §14-101 et seq. and this Chapter, shall be on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation. Annual permits shall comport to 23 U.S.C. §127 for interstate applications, and to other state statutes relating to size and weight of vehicles and combinations of vehicles, and to the provisions of this Chapter for all roads and highways of this state. Annual permits shall be for a duration of one calendar year from the date of issuance. Annual permits for the movement of vehicles, loads, or both which exceed the size or weight provisions, or both, of 47 O.S. §14-101 et seq., but do not exceed the provisions of this Chapter or state statutes relating to maximum allowable permit limits, shall be applied for and issued, using the procedures established in this Chapter, through the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Transportation. Annual permits shall not be restricted to non-divisible vehicles or loads and shall be specific to the towing vehicle of any vehicle operating as a combination of vehicles.

- (1) Fees for annual permits shall be in accordance with the fee schedule contained in 47 O.S. §14-101 et seq. and will be published on the Department of Transportation website.
- (2) Annual permits shall be subject to suspension, revocation or cancellation by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation or an authorized representative upon due process, as outlined in this Subchapter.

(c) Single trip permits. Single trip permits, as authorized in OAC 730:50-5-3(2) of this Chapter, shall be on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation. Single trip permits shall be applied for and issued, using the procedures established in this Chapter, through the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Transportation. All single trip permits shall comport to this Chapter and related state statutes and shall be for a duration of up to, but not to exceed, five (5) consecutive calendar days. Single trip permits shall be issued for non-divisible vehicles or loads, as defined in 23 C.F.R. § 658, which exceed the provision of state statutes but do not exceed the provisions of this Chapter or state statutes relating to maximum allowable permit limits. All or any permits may be revoked by any duly qualified law enforcement officer of the Department of Public Safety or an authorized employee the Department of Transportation after having identified any violation of any of the provisions of the permit. The revocation shall be final, and no further movement of the vehicle or load shall be authorized until the vehicle or load is authorized by a proper permit.

(d) Multi-trip oversize permits. A multi-trip oversize permit may be issued for a specific motor vehicle, which can be identified by a vehicle identification number or serial number, for movement as set forth in this Chapter at 730:50-5-6(a)(1) and (j).

(e) Annual envelope vehicle permit. An annual envelope vehicle permit shall be issued by the Department of Transportation in conformity with the requirements of this subchapter in addition to the provisions set forth in 730:50-5-13:

- (1) An annual envelope permit shall not be used in conjunction with any other permit.

(2) An annual envelope permit shall be void if used for the movement of houses or modular or manufactured homes.

(3) An annual envelope permit shall be void if laminated.

(4) Reasonable access to and from terminals for fuel, food, repairs and rest shall not exceed five (5) statute miles from the roadways authorized by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

(6) A vehicle being moved under an envelope permit shall not be moved on turnpikes except on non-interstate turnpikes. Non-interstate turnpikes are:

(A) Indian Nation

(B) Cimarron

(C) Cherokee

(D) Chickasaw

(E) Creek

(F) Muskogee

(G) Kilpatrick

(H) Kickapoo

(7) The operator of a vehicle in excess of nine (9) feet and six (6) inches in width which is moving under an envelope permit shall use a valid PikePass or use PlatePay to travel on any turnpike listed in paragraph (6).

(f) Special over-height trailer permit for limited travel.

A Special Over-height Trailer Permit for Limited Travel (SOTPLT), in accordance with 47 O.S. § 14-103(B)(1), shall be issued in a manner and on a form prescribed by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation.

(1) An SOTPLT shall be for a duration as determined by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation, but under no circumstance shall the permit exceed one (1) calendar year.

(A) The fee for a single trip SOTPLT shall be Forty Dollars (\$40.00) and shall be nonrefundable.

(B) The fee for a thirty (30) day SOTPLT shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and shall be nonrefundable.

(C) The fee for a one (1) year SOTPLT shall be Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000.00) and shall be nonrefundable.

(2) An SOTPLT shall not be restricted to non-divisible loads and shall be specific to the trailer being permitted.

(3) In addition to these requirements:

(A) An SOTPLT shall not be used in conjunction with any other permit.

(B) A trailer being moved under an SOTPLT shall not access nor be moved on any part of the National System of Interstates and Defense Highways or four-lane divided Federal Aid Primary System Highways, state highways or turnpikes.

(4) An SOTPLT shall comply with 730:50-5-18(b)(3), unless otherwise waived by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation.

(5) An SOTPLT applicant shall submit a detailed application to the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation containing:

(A) Physical features of the route, including but not limited to:

(i) applicable speed limits,

(ii) specifications and description of any bridges,

(iii) infrastructure.

- (iv) public or private utility overhead wire lines,
 - (v) traffic control devices,
 - (vi) road signage, and
 - (vii) any potential for pedestrian traffic.
- (B) The duration of time the SOTPLT permit is needed.
- (C) Trailer information including, but not limited to, VIN, tag number, height and specifications of the trailer.
- (D) A certification from the permittee stating the permittee has contacted the effected City Street Department and/or County Commissioner and referenced any possible restrictions or obstacles within their jurisdiction that may impact the permittee's ability to travel.
- (g) Any violation of any part of this section shall result in the permit being voided.
- (h) Prima facie evidence. Undertaking the movement of the vehicles and loads specified in the permit is deemed prima facie evidence of an unequivocal allegation that the permit is accepted by the permittee. Acceptance of the permit by the permittee will be deemed prima facie evidence of an unequivocal allegation by the permittee that:
 - (1) Permittee is in compliance with all operational requirements;
 - (2) All dimension and weight limitations specified in the permit will not be exceeded;
 - (3) All operation, registration, and license requirements have been met;
 - (4) All financial responsibility obligations and other legal requirements have been met. The permittee assumes all responsibility for injury to any person or for damage to public or private property, including the permittee's own, or to the load being transported, caused directly or indirectly by the transportation of vehicles and loads authorized under the permit.

730:50-3-3. Requesting, obtaining, and paying for a permit

- (a) Requesting and obtaining a permit. A permit shall be applied for and obtained from the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Transportation, by contacting a permit office either in person, by telephone, or from the Department of Transportation website. A permit for movement of a manufactured home shall be applied for and obtained in accordance with 68 O.S. §2813 and 47 O.S. §14-103D. The permit office shall make a determination as to whether the permit can be issued based upon the size of load, weight of load, the route to be traveled, the clearance of overhead structures, weather conditions, and traffic conditions.
- (b) In-person permit application. All permit offices are open Monday through Friday, except on state holidays. Location and office hours of permit offices are.:
 - (1) Oklahoma City (main office), 200 N.E. 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - (2) Offices at Oklahoma Highway Patrol district headquarters:
 - (A) Enid, 5725 West Garriott Road. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - (B) Tulsa, 9191 East Skelly Drive. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - (3) Field Offices:
 - (A) Elk City, Merritt Road at the west junction of U.S. Highway 66 and State Highway 6. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon), and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - (B) Woodward, 2411 Williams Ave. Suite 112A. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon), and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- (c) Telephone permit application. Telephone applications may be made by calling 405-425-7012

Monday through Friday, except on state holidays, between 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(d) Website permit application. Website applications may be made through oklahoma.gov/odot/size-and-weight.html.

(e) Payment for a permit. Payment for a permit is to be made by one of the following methods:

(1) Cash (exact change is required). Please do not mail cash.

(2) Certified cashier's check. Make checks payable to "Oklahoma Department of Transportation."

(3) Money order. Make money orders payable to "Oklahoma Department of Transportation."

(4) Personal or company check. Make checks payable to "Oklahoma Department of Transportation." If a personal or company check is not honored by the bank upon which it is drawn, the Department of Transportation reserves the right to refuse all further checks from the person or company who issued the check.

(5) Credit card. Discover, MasterCard, American Express or Visa will be accepted for payment.

(6) Monthly billing account. [See 730:50-3-4 regarding establishing monthly billing accounts.]

730:50-3-4. Establishing a monthly billing account

The Size and Weight Permit Division may authorize monthly billing accounts for individuals, companies, and corporations to defer payment of special permits issued for oversize and overweight vehicles. A monthly billing account will be established in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) Posting of bond.

(A) A bond must be posted in an amount sufficient to cover the monthly billing. The minimum amount of such bond shall be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

(B) The bonding company must be approved by the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner to do business in Oklahoma and maintain such approval during the term of the bond.

(C) The bond must be on a form prepared by the Department of Transportation. The completed original form must be submitted to the Department of Transportation for final approval. The form may be obtained by contacting the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Transportation.

(D) The surety company must notify the Department of Transportation by written notice a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to cancellation or reduction of the amount of coverage and state the effective date of the change in coverage. The surety company shall send the notice by certified mail to the Size and Weight Permit Division.

(E) It is the responsibility of the company holding the bond to give the monthly billing account number only to persons qualified to use the account. Establishing an account implies full agreement to the terms of the account and any related activities thereof.

Sharing your password with anyone, is a violation of our agreement, as it may compromise the account holder's confidential information and could result in outside charges on your account for which you will be responsible and liable. The charges incurred on your account are the responsibility of the owner as described in the profile, no matter who makes the actual charge. Once the bond has been approved by the Department of Transportation, notification of the monthly billing account number will be given. Information concerning accounts may be obtained by calling (405) 522-9004 or 405-522-2290.

(2) Payment of account. Each monthly billing account will be invoiced at the first of each month. Payment must be received by the Department of Transportation at 200 N.E. 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK, 73105 by the fifteenth (15th) day of the invoice month. Accounts which are not paid will not be issued permits until the account is paid. Accounts not paid by the twenty-second (22nd) day of the invoice month can no longer purchase permits regardless of payment method. Accounts not paid by the first (1st) of the following month will be sent to the bonding company for collection. The Department of Transportation may close any account for which the deferred payment is habitually delinquent.

730:50-3-5. Assumption of liability and responsibility for damages to public facilities by permittee

(a) The driver, owner, operator, and any person, firm, or corporation causing or responsible for any vehicle being on any public road, street, or highway of this state operating under the limited authority of an oversize, overweight or other special permit shall, by operation of the vehicle under such permit, assume full and absolute responsibility for any damage to any road, street, highway, bridge, overpass, pavement, or other transportation facility.

(b) The issuance of an oversize or overweight permit shall, under no circumstances, be considered or construed to be a warranty, either express or implied, or a representation in any form by the State of Oklahoma or any agency or political subdivision of the State that any road, street, highway, or bridge provides adequate support or clearance for the permitted load or vehicle. No permit shall be valid except in strict conformance with the conditions precedent of this provision and all provisions contained in the permit. The Executive Director of the Department of Transportation shall provide, on the face of each permit as determined by the Executive Director, notice of these conditions precedent for the use of the permit.

SUBCHAPTER 5. SIZE AND WEIGHT PERMIT LOAD

730:50-5-1. Conditions and restrictions

The following conditions and restrictions shall apply to the issuance of permits for the operation of oversize and overweight vehicles:

(1) Travel time. Movement shall be permitted in accordance with the dates and times provided in 47 O.S. §14-101 and in this sub-section.

(A) Oklahoma County. Movement of oversize permitted loads is not allowed on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways in Oklahoma County from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(B) Tulsa County. Movement of oversize permitted loads is not allowed on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways in Tulsa County from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(C) Cleveland County. Movement of oversize permitted loads is not allowed on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways in Cleveland County from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The two (2) mile section of Interstate 35 between State Highway 9 East (Exit 108) and State Highway 9 West (Exit 106) shall be exempt from this restriction.

(2) Required sign and flags. All oversized vehicles and loads require the regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging, as provided in 730-50-5-15.

(3) Exceptions. The restrictions in this paragraph shall not apply to special combination vehicles, longer combination vehicles, and vehicles which are overweight only.

(4) Weather, traffic, road, and atmospheric conditions. Extreme caution in the operation of permitted vehicles and loads shall be exercised during hazardous conditions, including, but not limited to, snow, ice, sleet, fog, mist, rain, dust, smoke, excessive wind, or any weather, traffic, or road condition which would adversely affect traction or braking capabilities. When conditions become dangerous, the company or the operator shall discontinue operations, and operations shall not resume until the vehicle and load can be moved with reasonable safety. The state may restrict or prohibit operations during periods, when, in the state's judgment, weather, traffic, road, or other conditions exist which make such operations unsafe or inadvisable. [See OAC 730:50-5-9(c)(2) regarding driving conditions.]

(5) Overweight load route review. Requests for permits for overweight loads which require a load route review shall be submitted to ensure they are received by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation Bridge Division a minimum of five (5) working days prior to the date of movement [730:50-5-4(k)].

(6) Brakes, drawbars, and lighting requirements. Equipment requirements for this Paragraph are found in 47 O.S. §§12-201 through 12-415, and in the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Regulations, Part 393, Subchapters B, C, F, and H.

(7) Accuracy of information. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure accuracy of information contained in company profile and on the application when submitting for a permit. Sharing your password with anyone is a violation of our agreement, as it may compromise the account holder's confidential information and could result in outside charges on your account for which you will be responsible and liable. The charges incurred on your account are the responsibility of the owner as described in the profile, no matter who makes the actual charge. Permits will not be revised to alter the load description or the vehicle or load dimensions. Multi-trip or annual permits cannot be changed. Any other revisions shall be at the discretion of the permit office and only one (1) revision will be allowed per permit.

730:50-5-2. Method of placing permit in suspension where conditions exist beyond the control of the permittee

(a) A permit may be placed in suspension by the permit holder for a maximum of two (2) weeks for inclement weather, road conditions due to weather and equipment breakdown. To place a permit in suspension the permit holder shall:

(1) Contact the permit office within the trip dates. If the permit expires when the permit office is closed, contact the permit office the next working day;

(2) Provide the permit number and trip dates;

(3) Before the permit may be reinstated due to equipment breakdown proper documentation must be submitted to swpermits@odot.ok.gov.

(b) If the permit office is not contacted by the permit holder to remove the suspension of the permit within two (2) weeks of placing the permit in suspension, the permit shall become void, and the permit shall be required to apply for a new permit. Only one (1) suspension shall be granted by the Department of Transportation per permit.

730:50-5-3. General conditions and restrictions on permits

(a) Unless otherwise specifically required by law, the following provisions shall apply to the eligibility for permits issued by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation for the operation of oversize and/or overweight vehicles:

(1) Vehicles bearing an out-of-state license are ineligible for a permit of any type for a

movement between an origin and destination, both of which are located within Oklahoma (intrastate movement), unless said vehicle is covered under an agreement between the licensing state and the State of Oklahoma which prorates the licensing and/or registration fees for such vehicles, or unless such vehicle has been temporarily licensed for operation in this state. Evidence of compliance with the provisions of this subparagraph must be provided with the application for any such permit.

(2) Only single trip permits may be requested by the vehicle owner or operator for non-divisible overweight vehicles and/or loads.

(A) A non-divisible load means any load or vehicle exceeding applicable length or weight limits which, if separated into smaller loads or vehicles, would meet any one of the following criteria:

(i) Compromise the intended use of the vehicle, i.e., make it unable to perform the function for which it was intended;

(ii) Destroy the value of the load or vehicle, i.e., make it unusable for its intended purpose; or

(iii) Require more than eight (8) work hours to dismantle using appropriate equipment. The applicant for a non-divisible load permit has the burden of proof as to the number of work hours required to dismantle the load.

(B) Emergency response vehicles and casks designed and used for the transport of spent nuclear materials, and military vehicles transporting marked military equipment and material shall be considered for permits as non-divisible vehicles or loads.

(C) Non-divisible loads not operating on the interstate Highway System mean loads which, in the opinion of the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation, cannot be reasonably and efficiently dismantled and which may safely operate on the permitted route.

(D) Permits may be issued only after proper consideration of:

(i) allowable weights on, and dimensions of, bridges;

(ii) potential damage to roadways;

(iii) highways under construction;

(iv) construction or other detours;

(v) traffic volumes;

(vi) interference with the normal flow of traffic; and

(vii) existing or reasonably anticipated weather conditions such as excessive winds, rain, fog, snow or ice, or any other condition which, in the opinion of the issuing agency, or any law enforcement officer, may adversely affect the safe operation of permitted vehicles or the public safety.

(3) Single trip permits for non-divisible overweight vehicles and/or loads may be requested only for vehicles which have been lawfully registered to carry the requested weight and only for the time reasonably necessary to accommodate the movement of said vehicle and/or load from its point of origin to its point of destination via the shortest practicable routing. Any return trip of said identical vehicle and/or load shall require an additional permit.

(4) All permit applications and issued permits must clearly and specifically identify the name and address of the vehicle owner, the vehicle involved including make, model, license number and state of issuance, the number of trailers, their license numbers and state of issuance, a brief description of the load to be transported and, if overweight, the gross permitted vehicle weight, the number of axles, axle configurations, spacings and weights and, if oversize, all oversize dimensions, the lengths of any front or rear load overhang and,

for the movement of unlicensed equipment or mobile homes, a serial or other identification number unique to said load.

(5) No permit tolerances shall apply to any permitted vehicle and/or load.

(6) Permitted vehicles shall neither access nor move upon any part of the National System of Interstates and Defense Highways or four-lane divided Federal Aid Primary System Highways, state highway or bridge unless the properly signed original permit or true and correct facsimile or copy thereof, specifically authorizing such movement, is in the driver's possession.

(7) All vehicles and/or loads moving under provisions of a permit shall travel to the right of the center of the roadway and shall yield the right of way to other traffic. An exception occurs on bridges when the permit specifies traveling on the centerline of the roadway.

(8) Permitted vehicles and/or loads, the movement of which requires an escort, shall not travel in convoy.

(9) Failure of the vehicle owner or driver to comply with any applicable law, rule, regulation, ordinance, posted speed limit or any permit term, condition, limitation or requirement including, but not limited to routes of travel may, in addition to all other legal remedies, immediately invalidate the permit.

(10) Every effort shall be made to remove appendages that are attached to vehicles carrying loads of other vehicles or equipment if removal is both reasonable and will avoid the need for an oversize permit.

(11) Vehicles and/or loads which are both overweight and oversize shall require the issuance of a permit covering both the overweight and oversize movement; however, the permit fees shall apply as though both permits had been issued separately.

730:50-5-4. Overweight permits; specific conditions and restrictions

(a) Unless otherwise specifically required by law, in addition to the applicable General Conditions and Restrictions on Permits as contained in 730:50-5-3 of this Chapter, no overweight vehicle and/or load and no combination of vehicles and/or loads shall be eligible for a permit unless all the following conditions are met:

(1) the permit application is for a single trip only; and

(2) the vehicle and/or load to which the application applies cannot be divided; and

(3) the applicant has justifiably certified that the movement proposed in the application is necessary due to the existence of a specific public emergency requiring the use of the State Highway System and the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation has concurred in the existence of such emergency; and

(4) the route requested constitutes the shortest practicable routing available; and

(5) the overweight vehicle and/or load to which the application applies does not require a fixed single axle loading in excess of 20,000 pounds or 600 pounds per inch and fractional part thereof of nominal tire tread width, whichever is the lesser.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter overweight permits shall be required for the movement of vehicles and/or loads exceeding 80,000 pounds or any of the provisions of federal Formula "B" or Table "B", when proposed for movement on the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and for the movement of vehicles and/or loads exceeding 90,000 pounds or any of the provisions of federal Formula "B" or Table "B", when proposed for movement on any other portion of the State Highway System.

(c) In accordance with the Federal Highway Administration interpretation of 23 U.S.C. § 127 longer combination vehicles, (LCV's) which are defined in § 127(d)(4) as any

combination of a truck tractor and two or more trailers or semitrailers which operates on the Interstate System at a gross vehicle weight greater than 80,000 pounds in accordance with Federal Weight Formula "B" shall be allowed to operate on the Interstate System in Oklahoma at a gross vehicle weight of not to exceed 90,000 pounds, if the LCV configuration was in regular or periodic operation as permitted by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation. LCV's shall be subject to all other requirements provided for by federal law, state law and this subchapter. The Federal Highway Administration requires that any LCV operating on the Interstate Highway in the State of Oklahoma at a gross vehicle weight in excess of 80,000 pounds, but not exceeding 90,000 pounds, first obtain from the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation a special annual divisible load permit for such operation on the Interstate Highways.

(d) The gross permissible axle weight on any axle which is capable of being lowered for use in supporting a load or retracted from such use by controls located in or accessible from the vehicle cab, shall not exceed the lesser of 8,000 pounds or the axle manufacturer's gross axle weight rating and no tire on any such axle shall be permitted to carry weights in excess of 240 pounds per inch and fractional part thereof of tread width. All tires on any such axle shall be compatible in size, width and air pressure with the tires on fixed load axles.

(e) No operator shall move any load without a permit which is over the weight limits provided by law.

(f) Maps for Load Posted Bridges on Oklahoma Highway System are available on the Department of Transportation web site and updated within two weeks of when changes occur. The map indicates, at the time of its updating, the locations of all load restricted bridges and highways on the state highway system. The map does not, in any event, constitute a warranty, either express or implied.

(g) All applications shall be entered into the Department of Transportation automated overload permitting system and shall indicate all proposed axles, axle spacings and weights, the inner bridge dimensions, gross vehicle weight, vehicle width, height and length, origin, destination, and the proposed routing, and shall be referred in writing to the Department of Transportation for a specific load route review. Based upon the findings of that review, the Department of Transportation shall notify the applicant whether such a permit may be issued or whether such movement will pose an unacceptable risk of damage to the highways and/or bridges of this state or create a hazard to the public safety. Permits for proposed movements which pose an unacceptable risk in the opinion of the Department of Transportation shall be denied.

(h) Overweight load route reviews shall be made by the Department of Transportation's Bridge and Maintenance Divisions. Bridge reviews shall be performed in strict compliance with provisions of the current AASHTO Manual for Bridge Evaluation. The computed stresses for a bridge due to an overweight load proposed for permitting shall not, under any circumstances whatsoever, exceed those specified in said manual; provided, the Department of Transportation may reduce the AASHTO recommended allowable computed stress values where necessary to account for deterioration in any of the structural members of any bridge.

(i) Based upon previously completed load route reviews, the Department of Transportation has compiled and maintains an Overweight Truck Permit Map which is intended for use in permitting the movement of standard configurations of overweight trucks which have been previously studied and are shown on Standard Drawing OL-1. Said drawing indicates the maximum gross vehicle weight and axle group loading, minimum number of axles and inner bridge dimensions for all truck combinations shown. The Overweight Truck Permit Map and the Standard Drawing OL-1 are herein incorporated by reference and constitute an integral part of

this subchapter and will be updated by the Department of Transportation not less than once every two years for the purpose of approving or rejecting applications for overweight permits for the movement of indicated vehicles and/or loads without requesting a load route review by the Department of Transportation for the previously studied routes shown on the map. The Department of Transportation reserves the right to add, delete or modify at any time, any routes or portions thereof shown on the map due to any change in the condition of highways relating to their ability to carry such loads, by oral or written notification to the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation or his designated representative.
Neither the Overweight Truck Permit Map or the Standard Drawing OL-1 constitutes a warranty, express or implied.

(j) All requests for overweight permits must go through the Department of Transportation automated overload permitting system. Requests must be received a minimum of five working days prior to the date requested for actual movement of the load. Additional time may be required where several bridges are involved. Routes shown in red on said map are incapable of supporting permitted overweight vehicles shown on the Standard Drawing OL-1. Permits may be issued for vehicles shown on Standard Drawing OL-1 on routes shown in green on said map.

(k) Reducing bridge impact loading by restricting the speed of more conventional permit loads shall not be considered by the Department of Transportation where long hauls are to be made by permitted overweight vehicles. Restricted speed will be considered only for extremely short hauls where it can be shown that an alternate means of transportation is not readily available.

(l) The Department of Transportation will review specific routes and bridges for various combinations of oversize and overweight trucks including superloads to determine the probability of specific structures and pavements to support such loads; however, due to unknown factors, such as recent changes in conditions or any other unknown factor, the Department of Transportation shall not warrant, guarantee or certify that a particular overweight load or superload can be safely moved over any route without incurring a substantial risk of structural failure to the paving surface or bridge structure due to the higher level of stress permitted for these oversize or overweight loads and no such warranty, guarantee or certification is hereby expressed or implied. The Department of Transportation reserves the right to require an evaluation of potential damage to the pavement on a specific route. A superload is defined as any overweight permit load that exceeds the Standard Drawing OL-1 trucks described in paragraphs (i) and (j) of this subsection. If the route has not been studied previously for the proposed superload, a detailed structural analysis will be required to check each bridge to be crossed by the proposed superload to determine if adequate safety factors exist in the bridge to assure that damage will not occur unless it can be shown by a comparative analysis that it will not exceed stresses developed by OL-1. Bridge stress and safety factors shall be in strict conformance with paragraph (h) of this subsection.

(m) Superloads with dual lanes axles may be considered as separate side-by-side axles for analysis and permit purposes as shown by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation Standard Drawing OL-1. Superloads with dual lanes meeting the following requirements will be reviewed by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for specific routes:

- (1) Each axle shall include a minimum of four (4) tires and not exceed 20,000 lbs. or 600 lbs. per inch and fractional part thereof of nominal tire tread width, whichever is the lesser. No more than one axle per lane will be allowed for dual lane configurations.
- (2) The dual lane configuration has a minimum out to out width of 16'-0" regardless of the type of equipment being used.
- (3) The Gage, "G", between consecutive dual wheels on each axle must be a minimum of 4'-

0" regardless of the type of equipment being used.

(4) The Passing Distance "P", or split inside distance separating axles between centers of inside dual wheels must be a minimum of 4'-0" measured between centers of inside dual wheels regardless of the type of equipment being used.

(5) The minimum longitudinal axle spacing must be 4'6".

(6) The permit application is for a single trip only.

(7) The vehicle and/or load cannot be reasonably modified or dismantled for operation in compliance with all legally defined maximum dimensions.

(8) The load does not exceed 16 feet in width when proposed for operation on the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways during any portion of the trip or 20'-0" on the state highway system.

(9) The height of the vehicle and/or load will clear, by a minimum of two (2) inches, the minimum posted height limitation for any overhead structure. A Vertical Clearance of Bridge Structures Map is produced by and available from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, but the map does not, in any event, constitute a warranty, either expressed or implied.

(10) The track of the vehicle and/or load does not require the use of highway shoulders and the turning radius of the vehicle and/or load does not require leaving the surface of roadway travel lanes, the travel lanes of interchange loops or ramps, to negotiate turns.

(11) The towing vehicle has sufficient power to move the oversize load safely.

(12) All applications received by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation for overweight permits shall indicate all proposed axle spacings including gage and wheel spacings, axle spacings and weights, the inner bridge dimensions, gross vehicle weight, vehicle width, height and length, origin, destination and proposed routing, and shall be referred to the Department of Transportation for a specific load route review. As a general rule, increasing the Gage, "G", and the Passing Distance "P", will, in most cases, improve the load distribution and allow larger gross vehicle weights to pass over the bridges.

(13) As a general rule, the allowance of dual lane axles is intended for shorter hauls or, for instances when no other means is available, to move the load and the movement originates or terminates in the State of Oklahoma with the exception given to the panhandle region of the state. In order to minimize disruption to traffic, preference should be given to the use of single lane equipment.

730:50-5-5. Special crossing permits

(a) Special Crossing Permits for Industrial Use (Crossing Permits) may be applied for regarding the use of specific locations where private roads cross non-access controlled state highways and the load exceeds 20,000 lbs./axle when the following conditions and requirements are met.

(1) An initial Crossing Permit application for each such crossing shall be submitted through the Department of Transportation indicating, as a minimum, highway route number, station location, county, township and range, the proposed vehicle size, the number of axles and axle spacings, the maximum gross weight, maximum axle loadings and such additional information as the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation may require.

(2) The Crossing Permit application shall be accompanied by appropriate plans, specifications and details necessary for said crossing, and shall have been prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer. The plans must show structural adequacy for the proposed reinforced surface of the highway crossing, including a soils study as well as

appropriate traffic warning and control devices necessary to insure the safety of the traveling public.

(3) The Department of Transportation engineering staff shall make a comprehensive study of the proposal, make recommendations for any necessary revisions or modifications, and submit the request to the Transportation Commission for approval or rejection.

(4) If the request is approved by the Transportation Commission, the requesting party shall enter into an agreement with the Director of the Department of Transportation to pay all costs of or associated with the construction and maintenance of the crossing, including the perpetual daily maintenance of the heavy load crossing and any safety warning and traffic control devices. The requesting party shall file with the Department of Transportation evidence of sufficient liability insurance in amounts equal to the maximum amounts of liability for state agencies provided in the Governmental Tort Claims Act, naming the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Department of Transportation as an additional insured and shall further agree to hold harmless the State of Oklahoma, its agents and employees from any and all claims of damages whatsoever which arise from the industry's use of, or as a result of the existence of, the highway crossing, associated warning or traffic control devices or any impairment of public safety at the crossing location.

(5) When construction of the crossing is completed and accepted, the Department of Transportation will make an inspection to ensure the crossing satisfies the requirements of the plans and agreement and that the initial Crossing Permit may be issued.

(6) Subsequent Crossing Permits issued by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation shall authorize a specific vehicle to cross the state highway at an identified and approved crossing location. Said permits shall further specify a maximum gross weight and the maximum axle loadings and minimum inner bridge dimensions, as well as the length and width of each vehicle and may specify times of day, weather conditions or other factors limiting the use of such crossings.

(b) Failure on the part of the vehicle owner to comply with any of the Crossing Permit requirements or operation of the vehicle on or across a state highway at any non-permitted location shall constitute grounds for closing the crossing and the revocation of all special permits at that location. Any revocation of such permits shall be for a period of not less than 1 year.

730:50-5-6. Oversize permits; specific conditions and restrictions

(a) Unless otherwise specifically required by law, in addition to the applicable General Conditions and Restrictions on Permits as contained in 730:50-5-3, no oversize vehicle shall be eligible for a permit unless all of the following conditions are met:

(1) the permit application is for a single trip only; however, in cases where an industry located near the Oklahoma State line routinely ships oversize loads directly across the nearby state line, or in other unusual instances, the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation may issue multi-trip oversize permits for specific movements as set forth in 730:50-5-6(j); and

(2) the vehicle and/or load is non-divisible as defined in 730:50-5-3(2)(A); and

(3) the load does not exceed 16 feet in width when proposed for operation on the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways during any portion of the trip; and

(4) the height of the vehicle and/or load will clear, by a minimum of 2 inches, the maximum height limitation for any overhead structure shown on the Vertical Clearance of Bridge Structures Map produced by and available from the Oklahoma Department of

Transportation, which map does not, in any event, constitute a warranty, either express or implied; and

(5) the track of the vehicle and/or load does not require the use of highway shoulders and the turning radius of the vehicle and/or load does not require leaving the surface of roadway travel lanes or the travel lanes of interchange loops or ramps, to negotiate turns; and

(6) the towing vehicle has sufficient power to move the oversize load safely at reasonable highway speeds.

(b) Unless otherwise provided for in this subchapter the following trailer and semi-trailer lengths may be permitted by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation:

(1) Semi-trailers exceeding 53 feet in length, but not exceeding 59 feet 6 inches in length, operating in a truck tractor- semi-trailer combination may operate without a permit on the National Network of highways as designated by the United States Secretary of Transportation, plus the reasonable access provided for in this section as such combination is authorized by 49 U.S.C. App. § 2311 and 23 CFR Part 658.

(2) Semi-trailers and trailers operating in a truck tractor- semi-trailer and trailer combination shall not exceed 53 feet in length. No permit may be issued for any such combination in which a semi-trailer or trailer exceeds 53 feet in length. In no event shall the total length of the cargo carrying units exceed 110 feet. Such combination vehicles may only operate on the Interstate and four lane divided federal-aid primary systems.

(3) Semi-trailers and trailers operating in a truck tractor-semi-trailer and trailer combination shall not exceed 29 feet in length for any semi-trailer or trailer which is a part of the vehicle combination, and no permit may be issued for such combination if any semi-trailer or trailer exceeds 29 feet in length or the overall cargo carrying capacity exceeds 95 feet in length. Such combination vehicles may operate only on the Interstate System and four lane divided highways plus reasonable access.

(4) In no case shall any trailer or semi-trailer be placed ahead of another trailer or semi-trailer which carries a 5,000 pound or more heavier load. The heaviest trailer or semi-trailer shall be placed in front and the lightest at the rear. An empty trailer or semi-trailer must not precede a loaded trailer or semi-trailer.

(5) Semi-trailer or trailer lengths shall be measured from the front of the trailer to the rear of the trailer or any extension of the load beyond the rear of the trailer. Any appendages to the rear of the trailer shall be included in the trailer length measurement.

(c) Truck or truck tractor and semi-trailer or trailer combinations which exceed 102 inches but not exceeding 120 inches in width may operate under authority of a special annual overwidth permit. Such permit shall be valid for the movement of single trip overwidth loads exceeding 8½ feet on roads and highways having a surface width of 20 feet or more and for travel to and subsequent travel from the initial permitted movement. Such vehicles may be utilized to transport legal dimensioned loads only when a single trip overwidth permitted movement precedes or follows the legal load movement. Proof of the overwidth permitted movement shall be made available upon demand. Such permits shall be specific to the truck tractor.

(d) Semi-trailer exceeding 53 feet but not exceeding 59 feet 6 inches and which are transporting a legal load or no load may operate on roads and highways which are not part of the National Network of Highways under the authority of a special round trip overlength permit issued for the vehicle to proceed to and/or return from a single trip overlength (more than 53 foot long load or where the use of the longer trailer to move a non-divisible load would cause axle weights which would exceed the legal weight to conform to the legal limits) movement performed under permit. The permit shall state the specific route of the trip. Special round trip permits shall be trailer

specific.

(e) Permits for vehicles or loads thereon which exceed a height of thirteen and one-half (13 1/2) feet on any county road, or fourteen (14) feet on any turnpike, interstate, U.S. or state highway shall operate in accordance with Section 730:50-5-4 and 730:50-5-6 of this subchapter and no special annual permits shall be authorized for movement of any vehicle or load thereon exceeding such height on the state highway system.

(f) Manufactured homes used in the course of construction, oil field, or seasonal farming activities may operate under authority of an annual special manufactured home permit, however, such manufactured home must comply with the provision of Oklahoma Statutes Title 47 Chapter 14 Section 103F.

(g) Reasonable access as used in this section shall mean a distance of 5 miles measured by the most direct route of travel and not by a radius from the terminal or point of service.

(h) Reasonable access as used in 730:50-5-6(b) may, in the discretion of the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation and consistent with safety, include two lane segments of the National Network in instances where four lane divided federal-aid primary highways which are part of the National Network are separated by a two lane segment of such highway which is not greater than 15 miles in length as designated by the Department of Transportation to the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation. Use of such two-lane segment shall only be for direct travel between the four lane divided segments of the National Network.

(i) Applications for special oversize non-divisible load multi-trip permits for loads to be transported on a vehicle of legal dimensions shall be filed with the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation and shall specify the size of the vehicle with load; its weight; its configuration; the route or routes proposed or area of proposed operation; and such other information as the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation may require. No special multi-trip permit shall be issued for a vehicle with load which is more than 10 feet 6 inches wide, more than 14 feet in height or more than 80 feet in length. The Executive Director of the Department of Transportation shall document with the application the circumstances requiring the issuance of the special multi-trip permit. For industries located near the state line as set forth in 730:50-5-6(a)(1), and regulated public utilities, an annual permit may be issued. All other multi-trip permits shall be for a period of no longer than thirty (30) days and for operation only within the area or routes designated in the application. In no event shall such special oversize multi-trip permit include an authorization for overweight operations, operations on a roadway where the width of the load exceeds the lane width, or operation not in conformance with the provisions of 730:50-5-6(a)(4) and (5). The face of the permit shall state these restrictions.

730:50-5-7. Unitized equipment

Unless otherwise specifically required by law:

- (1) unitized equipment, for purposes of this Subchapter, is defined as a single unit vehicle and inseparable load; and
- (2) unitized equipment exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in width, excluding both tire bulge and approved safety devices when traveling on highways of twenty feet or more in width or exceeding 8 feet 6 inches in width, excluding both tire bulge and approved safety devices, when traveling on highways of less than twenty feet in width, constitutes an overwidth vehicle and is eligible for a permit; and
- (3) unitized equipment exceeding a height of thirteen and one-half (13 1/2) feet on any county road, or fourteen (14) feet on any turnpike, interstate, U.S. or state highway; and

unitized equipment having a vehicle length of more than 45 feet, exclusive of any protrusion of its unitized equipment, constitutes an overlength vehicle and is eligible for a permit; and
(4) unitized equipment with longitudinal protrusions extending beyond the vehicle a distance in excess of two-thirds (2/3) of the vehicle's wheelbase shall only operate on the state highway system under the authority of an annual oversize permit. Protrusion length shall be measured by adding the front and rear overhang distances. Protrusions shall be properly counterbalanced with such additional weight or by a transfer of weight as may be required for equal weight distribution; and
(5) unitized equipment, when traveling by permit, shall tow no trailer or semi-trailer.

730:50-5-8. Special mobilized machinery, rubber-tired truck cranes and rubber-tired construction vehicles

Unless otherwise specifically required by law:

- (1) all equipment of this class shall move upon the highways of Oklahoma only by an Annual Operating Permit in accordance with the provisions of 47 O.S. 2021, Section 1129 and any lawful amendments thereto; and
- (2) any such equipment which is to be moved on the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and which is oversize and/or overweight by any of the provisions of 23 U.S.C., Section 127 or 47 O.S. 2021, Chapter 14, shall in addition to the Annual Operating Permit, operate under authority of an oversize and/or overweight permit, applied for and issued in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter, or under authority of a Special Annual Oversize and/or Overweight Permit issued by the Department of Transportation. Unless otherwise provided by law, the Commission shall determine the fee for such permit; and
- (3) the weight of any special mobilized machinery, rubber-tired road construction equipment, or rubber-tired truck crane manufactured before January 1, 1994, operating under authority of a special overweight permit which vehicle is overweight as to the overall gross weight only, shall not exceed 650 pounds multiplied by the nominal width of the tire multiplied by the number of tires. Such equipment manufactured after January 1, 1994 operating under the authority of a special overweight permit for overweight by axle, group of axles, or overall gross weight shall not exceed 650 pounds multiplied by the nominal width of the tire multiplied by the number of tires. These provisions shall be effective on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. These provisions shall also apply to such equipment operating off the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways previously, however such vehicles shall not be required to obtain a special overweight permit for operation on non-Interstate and Defense Highways.

730:50-5-9. Special combination vehicles - permits

- (a) Unless otherwise specifically required by law, no special combination vehicle, as defined in 47 O.S. 2021, Section 14-121 and any lawful amendments thereto, shall be eligible for operation in this state except by authority of an Annual Operating Permit.
- (b) The Executive Director of the Department of Transportation is required by law to promulgate rules for the issuance of such permits and no person, firm or corporation shall operate or authorize the operation of any such vehicle unless a valid Annual Operating Permit has been issued to the owner of such vehicle by the Permits Section of the Department of Transportation, properly signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation or his authorized designee, and the original or certified copy thereof is available for inspection at all times in the

vehicle cab. No other trailer configuration or multiple trailer combination shall be authorized or operated under said permit. Any violation of a permit provision shall constitute grounds for immediate permit suspension or revocation of said permit.

(c) The content, requirements, and limitations of Annual Operating Permits for special combination vehicles are subject to the provisions of this subchapter and all such permits issued shall require the operation of such vehicles in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) vehicles bearing an out-of-state license are ineligible for a permit of any type for a movement between an origin and destination, both of which are located within Oklahoma (intrastate movement), unless said vehicle is covered under an agreement between the licensing state and the State of Oklahoma which prorates the licensing and/or registration fees for such vehicles, or unless such vehicle has been temporarily licensed for operation in this state; and

(2) no such vehicle combination shall operate under conditions of decreased visibility or when lateral winds in excess of 45 miles per hour are present or during periods when pavement surfaces are slick, icing, icy or snow packed; and

(3) such vehicle combinations shall operate only upon the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, or other four-lane divided highways which are part of a lawfully identified federal-aid system and may operate on other routes only for purposes of reasonable access, as hereinafter prescribed, between points of origin and destination; and

(4) reasonable access to and from terminals and for fuel, food, repairs and rest shall not exceed 5 statute miles from the vehicle's point of access to, or exit from, those highways authorized for use in paragraph (3) of this subsection and as set forth in 730:50-5-6(h); and

(5) the maximum weight on any single axle of such vehicle shall not exceed 20,000 pounds or 600 pounds per inch and fractional part thereof of nominal tire tread width, whichever is the lesser; and

(6) except as otherwise provided in these rules the maximum gross vehicle weight for any such vehicle and/or load shall not exceed 80,000 pounds or any of the provisions of federal Formula "B" or Table "B" when operating upon any highway of the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways or 90,000 pounds or any of the provisions of federal Formula "B" or Table "B", when operating on other state highways as are authorized in paragraph (3) of this section for use by such vehicles; and

(7) in no case shall any trailer or semi-trailer be placed ahead of another trailer or semi-trailer which carries a 5,000 pound or more heavier load. The heaviest trailer or semi-trailer shall be placed in front and the lightest at the rear. An empty trailer or semi-trailer must not precede a loaded trailer or semitrailer; and

(8) no vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer used in such combination vehicle shall exceed 8 feet 6 inches in width, exclusive of both tire bulge and approved safety devices, or 14 feet in height, or 29 feet in length; and

(9) vehicles or combinations thereof with cargo carrying capacity exceeding 95 feet shall not be eligible for such special combination vehicle permit.

(d) All special Annual Operating Permit holders and drivers must comply with the latest Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations [49 CFR Parts 390-397] of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

(e) The driver must at all times during operation of said vehicle be under the control and supervision of the holder of the special Annual Operating Permit.

(f) Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Section shall constitute grounds for the

immediate suspension or revocation of the Annual Operating Permit in a manner prescribed by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation. Any suspension of said permit shall remain in effect for a period of not less than 6 months. Any revocation of said permit shall be for a period of not less than 1 year.

(g) Special combination vehicle permits shall be truck tractor specific.

730:50-5-10. Permits on toll facilities (turnpikes)

(a) The Oklahoma Transportation Commission has no lawful authority to establish rules for the issuance of oversize or overweight permits for movement of vehicles upon toll facilities not a part of the State Highway System; however, the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation may apply the provisions of this subchapter to such facilities, subject to approval by the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

(b) All highway approaches to, or exits from, toll facilities which are not a part of the State Highway System, but which have been constructed with public funds by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, shall be subject to the provisions of this subchapter.

730:50-5-11. Movements of military oversize and/or overweight vehicles

(a) The routine peacetime non-emergency movement of oversize and/or overweight military vehicles or equipment shall comply with the provisions of this subchapter. Marked military vehicles and equipment shall be considered as non-divisible for the purposes of permitting. Marked military equipment which may be transported as a non-divisible load is equipment or material directly related to a combat or defense mission. It does not include general purpose items such as household furniture or office equipment even though marked and owned by the military. Marked military vehicle includes only vehicles actually owned and operated by the military and does not include vehicles operating under lease or contract to the military.

(b) The Executive Director of the Department of Transportation may establish rules in general consonance with the rules contained herein for life threatening emergencies, covering the issuance of military oversize and/or overweight vehicle movements under wartime conditions or in the event the President of the United States and/or the Governor of Oklahoma declares an emergency to exist which requires that such movements be allowed.

730:50-5-12. Movements of oversize and/or overweight vehicles during a life-threatening emergency

(a) For purpose of this subchapter, "Disaster" includes flood, tornado, fire, or any other large scale emergency situation that causes or threatens to cause the loss of life or destruction or damage to property of such magnitude as to seriously endanger the public health, safety, or welfare, or causes or threatens destruction of or major damage to any transportation system.

(b) During major emergencies, authorization may be obtained from the Department of Transportation Permit Office for the emergency movement of necessary vehicles and/or loads which exceed the maximum legal dimensions and weight limitations, to or within the emergency area without a standard oversize or overweight permit; however, normal permit requirements shall be observed unless otherwise authorized. During regular office hours, the Department of Transportation Permit Office shall be contacted for assistance in routing. When the Permit Office is closed, the Communications Center of the Department of Public Safety (405/425-2424) will contact Permit officials for permit authorization. All movements made on emergency authorization are required to obtain the applicable permit or permits on the next Department of Transportation working day.

(c) Following the emergency, unless otherwise authorized, the vehicles and/or loads shall be moved from the disaster area under normal permit, conditions, and authority. The Executive Director of the Department of Transportation may issue an emergency authorization or permit for movement to an emergency and return on the same route to the point of origin. The permit or authorization for vehicles going to the emergency may also allow night, weekend, or holiday travel. The permit or authorization to return to the point of origin may also allow daytime weekend or holiday travel.

(d) In the event an area has been declared a disaster area by the President or Governor, manufactured homes may be authorized to move into the area without a standard permit; provided, the 16 feet maximum width limitation shall apply when traveling on routes of the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. The manufactured homes must be owned by the victims of the disaster or otherwise brought into the area for public relief purposes. If the units are furnished by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Permit Office of the Department of Transportation will generally authorize movement in conformance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' National Policy; the Permit Office may include such additional restrictions in its authorization as are considered necessary. Movements under this emergency authorization are required to obtain the appropriate permit or permits on the next business day.

(e) The emergency movement of vehicles and/or loads to railroad derailments may be authorized on state highways during periods when normal permits are restricted, provided:

(1) a loss of life is threatened, or hazardous materials are involved, or a mainline railroad or other major rail line or transportation facility is blocked; and

(2) during normal working hours, the emergency service company shall obtain standard permits by contacting a Department of Transportation Permit Office. If the emergency occurs when the Permit Office is closed, the emergency service company may, if authorized, obtain a permit through the Oklahoma permitting system under established rules. A representative shall contact the Department of Public Safety Communications Center (405/425-2424) to request emergency movement authorization. The information required before authorization will be granted includes the permit number, location of the incident, time of occurrence, description of equipment needed and the origin and requested routing of the movement. If loss of life is threatened or any major transportation facility is blocked, Permit Officials may waive the requirement for certain items of such information.

730:50-5-13. Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit

(a) The Executive Director of the Department of Transportation may issue an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit in accordance with 47 O.S. § 14-103G, to a specific vehicle, for the movement of non-divisible oversize or overweight vehicles or loads as defined in 47 O.S. § 14-107(4). Unless otherwise noted, permits issued under this rule are subject to the conditions described.

(1) Vehicle Permit Dimensions

(A) A vehicle transporting an oversize or overweight non-divisible load operating under an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit may not exceed any of the following:

(i) 12 feet in width;

(ii) 14 feet in height;

(iii) 110 feet in length;

(iv) 120,000 pounds gross weight.

(B) Except as provided in section (c) of this rule, the Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit will be issued for these dimensions and weights.

- (2) A vehicle transporting an oversize or overweight non-divisible load operating under an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit may not transport a load that has more than 25 feet of front overhang, or more than 30 feet of rear overhang.
- (3) The fee for an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit is \$4,000, and is non-refundable.
- (4) The Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit shall be valid for a period of one year beginning on the date of issue stated on the permit.
- (5) An Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit authorizes operation of the permitted vehicle only on the state highway system.
- (6) The permitted vehicle is not permitted travel on any part of the Interstate Highway System. Further, the permitted vehicle may only be operated on routes shown as "green" routes on the current Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit Map. The Executive Director of the Department of Transportation shall provide a copy of this rule and a copy of the Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit Map to the permittee when the permit is issued. The permittee assumes the responsibility for assuring that the Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit Map in its possession is current. The most current edition of the Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit Map may be found on the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's website. The permittee also assumes responsibility for obtaining the Vertical Clearance of Bridge Structures Map from the Department of Transportation and assuring the map is correct. The most current edition of the map may be found on the Oklahoma Department of Transportation website. The permittee is also responsible for determining the location of any construction restriction. Construction restrictions may be found on the Department of Transportation Size and Weight Permit website.
- (7) The vehicle or vehicle combination operating under the authority of an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit must be registered in accordance with 47 O.S. § 1151A(4), for not less than the maximum weight allowed.
- (8) A permit issued under section 14-103G or this rule is non-transferable.
- (9) A permit issued under section 14-103G or this rule may be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle in the permittee's fleet provided:
- (A) the permitted vehicle is destroyed or otherwise becomes permanently inoperable, to an extent that it will no longer be utilized, and the permittee presents proof that the negotiable certificate of title or other qualifying documentation has been surrendered; or
- (B) the certificate of title to the permitted vehicle is transferred to someone other than the permittee, and the permittee presents proof that the negotiable certificate of title or other qualifying documentation has been transferred from the permittee.
- (b) The Executive Director of the Department of Transportation may issue an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit to a specific motor carrier, for the movement of a vehicle transporting an oversize or overweight non-divisible load as defined in 47 O.S. § 14-107(4). Unless otherwise noted, permits issued under this section are subject to the conditions described in section (a) (1-8) of this rule. A permit issued under section 14-103G or this rule may be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle in the permittee's fleet provided:
- (1) that no more than one vehicle per permit is operated at a time; and
- (2) the original certified permit is carried in the vehicle that is being operated under the terms of the permit.
- (c) The Executive Director of the Department of Transportation may issue an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit for vehicles transporting turbine blades used for the purpose of wind power generation. Unless otherwise noted, permits issued under this section are subject to the conditions described in section (a) (1-8). A vehicle operating under this permit may not exceed a

cargo length of one hundred sixty (160) feet when transporting the turbine blades. The permit shall be valid only when the vehicle is transporting the blades.

(d) An Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit issued under section (a), (b) or (c) of this rule will be sent to the permittee via registered mail, or at the permittee's request and expense, by overnight delivery service. This permit will be replaced only if:

(1) the permittee did not receive the original permit within seven business days after its date of issuance;

(2) a request for replacement is submitted to the Department of Transportation within 10 business days after the original permit's date of issuance; and

(3) the request for replacement is accompanied by a notarized statement signed by a principle or officer of the permittee acknowledging that the permittee understands the permit may not be duplicated or altered, and that if the original permit is located, the permittee must return either the original or replacement permit to the Department of Transportation Size and Weights Permit Office.

(e) A request for replacement of a permit issued under section (a), (b) or (c) of this rule will be denied if the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation can verify that the permittee received the original.

(f) Lost, misplaced, damaged, destroyed, or otherwise unusable permits will not be replaced. A new permit will be required.

(g) No duplication or alteration of the Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit is authorized. The permit shall be issued on title quality or better paper and shall have a raised gold or similar seal. Any duplication or alteration of the permit by any means voids the permit.

(h) Operation of a vehicle under the authority of an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit authorized by 47 O.S. § 14-103G or this rule on an Interstate Highway or a route not listed as a "green" route on the current Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit Map, except as provided in section (n) of this rule, voids the permit.

(i) Operation of a vehicle under the authority of an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit during the hours of darkness in violation of 47 O.S. § 14-101(F) voids the permit.

(j) Operation of a vehicle under the authority of an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit in excess of any limit set forth in section (a) (1) or (2) of this rule voids the permit, except as provided herein. If the violation of section (a) (1) does not exceed one thousand (1,000) pounds on any axle, or group of axles or the gross weight of the vehicle, the Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit shall not be valid for that move only and the permit remains valid for additional moves. The one thousand (1,000) pound allowance is cumulative among the axles and groups of axles so that the total allowance in no event shall exceed one thousand (1,000) pounds.

(k) Axle Weight Limitations

(1) No axle on a vehicle operating under the authority of an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit shall exceed any of the following:

(A) Steer axle 600 lbs. x the nominal inch per tire tread width x number of tires, not to exceed a maximum of 15,000 lbs.

(B) Single axle 20,000 lbs. per axle.

(C) Tandem (2) axle groups 40,000 lbs. / 20,000 per axle, not less than 4 tires per axle.

(D) Triple (3) axle groups 60,000 lbs. / 20,000 per axle, not less than 4 tires per axle.

(2) Except as provided for in subsection (j), operation of a vehicle under the authority of an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit in excess of the weights set forth in this section or Appendix A voids the permit.

(l) Annual Envelope Vehicle Permits are valid only on the State highway system. Operation of

the equipment on city streets or county roads may require additional authorization from local officials.

(m) Operators of vehicles operating under an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit shall comply with the holiday restrictions of 47 O.S. § 14-101G.

(n) Operators of vehicle operating under the Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit shall comply with the curfew restrictions in Oklahoma, Tulsa and Cleveland Counties which are set forth in Department of Transportation rule OAC 730:50-5-1(1). Violation of these curfew restrictions voids the permit.

(o) Operators of vehicles operating under Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit shall comply with the weather restrictions set forth in 730:50-5-1(4).

(p) The Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit is not valid for the operation of unitized equipment or special mobilized machinery. Use of the permit for the movement of unitized equipment or special mobilized machines voids the permit.

(q) Operators of vehicles operating under an Annual Envelope Vehicle Permit shall comply with the escort requirements set forth in Department of Transportation rule 730:50-5-18(b).

(r) The operator of any vehicle shall, upon request, surrender a voided permit to any commissioned law enforcement officer. Upon receipt of a surrendered permit, the officer shall return the permit to the Department of Transportation Size and Weights Permit Office.

730:50-5-14 Government agencies

(a) Military moves.

(1) Special permission. All movements by the Armed Forces and the National Guard must be in compliance with the size and weight limits contained in 47 O.S.

§§ 14-103 and 14-109, unless an authorization has been issued by the Size and Weight Permit Division, or an emergency has been officially declared by the President or the Governor. In the event an official emergency is declared, telephone contact should be made with the Oklahoma City Size and Weight Permit Office by calling toll free 405-425-7012 during regular office hours or the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Communications Center by calling 405-425-2323 at other times.

(2) No-cost authorization. If it is necessary to move a vehicle or load which cannot be reasonably dismantled or disassembled and transported within the legal size and weight limits, an application for authorization to make the movement must be submitted to the Oklahoma City Permit Office. Application may be on Department of Defense standard forms, by letter, or by electronic communications. If the Oklahoma City Permit Office determines the move can be made in safety without damaging the highway system, a no-cost authorization will be issued.

(3) No-Cost authorization. The Oklahoma City Permit Office will review requests for routine military convoy movements, which are submitted on standard military forms, and issue a Military No-Cost Authorization for all approved oversize and overweight vehicles and loads which are included. These authorizations do not relieve the Armed Forces or National Guard from overall responsibility for the convoy movement.

(b) City, county, state, and federal agencies.

(1) Compliance. City, county, state, and federal agencies must comply with the provisions of 730:50-5-14(a)(1).

(2) No-cost authorization. If it is necessary to move a vehicle or load which cannot be reasonably dismantled or disassembled and transported within the legal size and weight limits, an application for authorization to make the movement must be submitted to the

Oklahoma City Permit Office. If the Oklahoma City Permit Office determines the move can be made safely without damaging the highway system, a no-cost authorization will be issued.

(3) ODOT and OTA No-Cost Authorization. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority are required to obtain oversize overweight fleet permits at no cost for agency fleet vehicles moving to, from and engaged in highway maintenance and construction activities.

730:50-5-15. "Oversize Load" sign and warning flags

(a) "Oversize Load" sign. All oversize vehicles and loads moving under permit must have the regulation "Oversize Load" sign attached to the front of the towing vehicle and on the rear of the load or towed vehicle, whichever extends the farthest. The "Oversize Load" signs shall not be displayed on a vehicle that is of legal dimensions. Regulation "Oversize Load" signs must meet the following requirements:

(1) Color. The sign shall consist of a yellow background with black lettering.

(2) Size. The sign shall be at least five (5) feet long and at least fourteen (14) inches high. The letters shall be legible from a distance of at least fifty (50) feet and shall be at least eight (8) inches high using a one and one-eighth (1 1/8) inch wide brush stroke.

(3) Placement of sign. The sign mounted on the rear of the load or the towed vehicle whichever extends the farthest must be as high as practicable from ground level. For manufactured homes, the sign must be no lower than five (5) feet from ground level. If an escort vehicle is required, the regulation "Oversize Load" sign shall be mounted either on the roof or on the front of the escort vehicle, if movement is on two-lane highways or super two-lane roadways, or on the rear or on the roof of the escort vehicle, if movement is on multi-lane roadways.

(4) Wording. The wording shall state "Oversize Load".

(5) Sign material. The sign shall be made of a durable material.

(b) Warning flags. All overwidth and overlength vehicles and loads moving under permit, excluding extra-length vehicle combinations, shall be marked by warning flags. All loads which overhang the rear of the vehicle or trailer by four (4) feet or more shall be marked by warning flags. Warning flags must meet the following requirements:

(1) Color. Each flag shall be a solid red or fluorescent orange.

(2) Size. Each flag shall be at least eighteen (18) inches by eighteen (18) inches.

(3) Placement of flags. Flags shall be placed at the four (4) corners of the vehicle or load and on the extremities of the vehicle or load, if applicable, in the following manner:

(A) Front. Two (2) flags required: a flag shall be fastened to each front corner or extremity of the vehicle or load, whichever extends the farthest, if the width requires the vehicle or load to be permitted.

(B) Rear.

(i) Overwidth. Two (2) flags required: a flag shall be fastened to each rear corner or extremity of the vehicle or load, whichever extends the farthest, if the width requires the vehicle or load to be permitted.

(ii) Overlength. If the rear overhang of the load extends beyond the end of the vehicle by four (4) feet or more:

(I) One (1) flag required: a flag shall be fastened at the extreme rear of the load if the width of the load projection is two (2) feet or less.

(II) Two (2) flags required: a flag shall be fastened to each rear corner of the load

if the width of the load projection is more than two (2) feet.

(C) Side. Flags required: A flag shall be fastened in such a manner so as to mark any extremity of size which is wider than the front or rear of the vehicle or load, whichever is wider.

730:50-5-16. Requirements for escort vehicles and escort vehicle operators

(a) General requirements for escort vehicles. Any vehicle to be used as an escort vehicle must be either a pickup truck of not less than one-quarter (1/4) ton rated load capacity or an automobile of not less than 2,000 pounds. The escort vehicle must be properly licensed under the statutes of the State of Oklahoma [47

O.S. § 1101 et seq.] or properly licensed in another state. If commercially licensed, an escort for an intrastate move must obtain a temporary registration from the Oklahoma Tax Commission Motor Vehicle Registration Division.

(b) Identification of escort vehicles. The owner of an escort vehicle must have displayed on each side of the escort vehicle the name, city and state of the escort vehicle company or operator, or the owner of the escort vehicle, or both. Such identifying markings must be:

(1) Plainly legible and visible to the motoring public.

(2) Readily legible during daylight hours from a distance of fifty (50) feet while the vehicle is stationary.

(3) Kept and maintained in a manner to preserve legibility.

(4) In a color or colors which sharply contrast with the background on which they are placed.

(c) Equipment of escort vehicles. An escort vehicle must carry the following items of equipment at all times when escorting an oversize/overweight vehicle or load:

(1) Flags. Red flags shall be at least twelve (12) inches square and shall be attached to standards angled upward to the left and right at forty-five (45) degrees and mounted on the top of the cab. No flags shall be displayed unless the escort vehicle is actually engaged in escorting.

(2) Mirrors. The vehicle shall be equipped with an outside rear-view mirror on each side of the vehicle.

(3) Radio. Escort and towing vehicles shall be equipped with a two-way radio which is capable of transmitting and receiving voice messages over a minimum distance of one (1) mile and which is compatible with radios in the escorted vehicle and any other escort vehicle(s).

(4) Fire extinguisher. One (1) ten-pound or two (2) five-pound ABC fire extinguishers. Extinguishers shall be checked annually to ensure they are operational.

(5) Flares or reflectors. Four (4) LED type flares, three (3) traffic cones or three (3) portable triangle reflector units.

(6) Sign. The regulation "Oversize Load" sign, as provided in 730:50-5-15(a), except that sign shall be at least ten (10) inches high, shall be mounted either on the front or the roof of front escort vehicles and on the rear or on the roof of the rear escort vehicle while escorting an oversize vehicle or load. The sign shall be clearly visible without an obstruction. No signs shall be displayed unless the escort vehicle is actually engaged in escorting.

(7) Warning lights. One AAMVA-approved rotating or flashing amber beacon or a flashing amber light bar system shall be mounted on top of the escort vehicle and shall be of sufficient intensity when illuminated to be visible from five hundred (500) feet in normal sunlight, and shall rotate, oscillate, or flash through 360 degrees. Blue lights are strictly

prohibited and, red, or white rotating lights are not authorized under Oklahoma statutes. In addition:

(A) Headlights of escort vehicles shall be lighted at all times during movement.

(B) Warning lights in conformance with 47 O.S. § 12-220(B) may be used in conjunction with the headlights.

(C) No warning lights shall be displayed unless the escort vehicle is actually engaged in escorting.

(8) Measuring pole. A current height measuring pole made of non-conductive, flexible, non-fragile material when escorting a load or vehicle which is fifteen

(15) feet and nine (9) inches or more in height.

(9) Traffic control sign. Two (2) "STOP" and "SLOW" paddle signs at least 18" inches in diameter with letters at least 6" high with a reflective surface which meets standards set by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

(10) Safety clothing. A hard hat and a jacket or vest, both of which meet standards set by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, for each person who may be assigned to traffic control, setting reflectors or any other duties conducted on or near a roadway.

(11) Flashlight. At least one operating hand held flashlight that is visible for at least 500 feet.

(12) Spare tire. A full-size spare tire for the escort vehicle, tire jack and lug wrench.

(d) Prohibitions when operating escort vehicles. The escort vehicle shall not:

(1) Carry any item, equipment, or load in or upon the vehicle which:

(A) Exceeds the height, length, or width of the vehicle, overhangs the escort vehicle; or otherwise impairs its immediate recognition as an escort vehicle by the motoring public.

(B) Impairs the view of the operator of the escort vehicle or the escorted vehicle.

(C) Obstructs the view of signs or flags used by the escort vehicle or causes safety risks to the motoring public.

(D) Impairs the performance of the escort vehicle.

(2) Tow any trailer or other vehicle, except that an escort vehicle operator not required to be certified by the Department *may tow a trailer when escorting a manufactured home. Such trailer shall not exceed eight and one-half (8 1/2) feet in width and twenty (20) feet in length with siding not to exceed four (4) feet in height measured from the bed of the trailer. The trailer may only be used to transport supplies and equipment necessary to carry out the mission of escort vehicle operators* [47 O.S. § 14-120.1(C)] and shall not be used to carry other supplies, equipment, or cargo.

(3) The operator of the escort vehicle shall not perform as a tillerman or steerman while performing escort operations. A passenger in the escort vehicle may act as a steerman. For purposes of this paragraph, "tillerman" means a person who is physically located on the CMV, has a valid commercial driver license and who operates by remote control or other means any axle of the CMV; "steerman" means a person who is not physically located on the CMV, not required to have a valid commercial driver license, and who operates by remote control or other means any axle of the CMV.

(e) Duties of escort vehicle operators.

(1) Traffic control. In the performance of duties as the operator of an escort vehicle, the operator is authorized to direct traffic to stop, slow down or proceed in situations where such direction is necessary to allow traffic or the escorted vehicle or load to continue moving safely. Pilot/Escort operators must be trained and certified to perform the above duties according to MUTCD (Section 6E.01 Qualifications for Flaggers).

(A) The operator of the escort vehicle shall require the escorted vehicle or load to stop, and the escorted vehicle shall move as far off of the roadway as practicable and stop to allow other traffic to pass, under the following conditions:

(i) When the escorted vehicle or load becomes disabled.

(ii) When the movement of the escorted vehicle or load on a particular section of roadway presents a safety risk or unreasonable risk to or unreasonably interferes with the efficient movement of other traffic, based upon such factors as the widths of the escorted vehicle or load, roadway, volume of traffic, limited visibility, or mountainous terrain.

(iii) When driving conditions for the escorted vehicle or load are hazardous for any reason including weather.

(B) When the escorted vehicle or load stops, the escort vehicle operator shall direct other traffic past the escorted vehicle or load as necessary until such time as the escorted vehicle or load can reenter the roadway and continue moving without presenting a safety risk or unreasonably interfering with efficient movement of other traffic.

(C) Escort vehicle operators when performing escort duties shall have their driver's license and escort certification on their person and present them for inspection at the request of any law enforcement officer.

(2) Escort vehicle operation.

(A) The operator of an escort vehicle must comply with all applicable traffic laws of this state and with the requirements of this Chapter when escorting a vehicle on all routes of the state highway system, including but not limited to the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System for Interstate and Defense Highways, all turnpikes, and such other roads, streets, or public ways that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall deem appropriate.

(B) On two-lane highways, the first escort vehicle will travel far enough to the front and the second escort vehicle, if required, will travel far enough to the rear of the escorted vehicle or load to timely warn approaching motorists. On multi-lane highways, the first escort vehicle will travel far enough to the rear of the escorted vehicle or load to timely warn motorists approaching from the rear.

(C) The operator of an escort shall not:

(i) possess, use, or be under the influence of alcohol, or have any measurable alcohol concentration within four (4) hours before or at any time while operating or in actual physical control of any escort vehicle.

(ii) use alcohol or be under the influence of alcohol within 4 hours before going on duty or while operating or having actual physical control of an escort vehicle; or

(iii) use alcohol, be under the influence of alcohol, or have any measured alcohol concentration or detected presence of alcohol, while on duty, or operating, or in physical control of an escort vehicle.

(iv) Operate an escort vehicle and be in possession of wine, beer, or distilled spirits.

(v) be on duty and possess, be under the influence of, or use, any of the following drugs or other substances:

(I) Any Title 63 O.S. §2-204 Schedule I substance;

(II) An amphetamine or any formulation thereof;

(III) A narcotic drug or any derivative thereof; or

(IV) Any other substance, to a degree which renders the driver incapable of safely operating a motor vehicle.

(f) Insurance. Each certified escort vehicle operator who operates in interstate commerce, and on and after August 1, 2012, each certified escort vehicle operator, shall maintain a valid insurance policy issued by an insurance company currently authorized to issue policies of insurance covering risks in the State of Oklahoma, and proof of insurance shall be carried in the escort vehicle at all times. The insurance policy shall protect the public against loss of life, bodily injury to persons, and damage to property, as evidenced by a current certificate of insurance, including any applicable endorsement, which indicates that the operator, or the operator's employer, has in full force and effect insurance coverage for bodily injury or property damage, or both, as a result of the operation of the escort vehicle or of the actions of escort vehicle operator, or of both, causing the bodily injury or property damage, or both, arising out of an act or omission by the escort vehicle operator relating to the escort duties required by this chapter. The insurance shall be no less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit or \$1,000,000 per occurrence, or both, of commercial liability coverage, as applicable, and must be maintained at all times during the term of the certification.

730:50-5-17. Certification of operators of escort vehicles for hire

(a) Requirements. Every person who drives an escort vehicle for hire to escort a permitted over-dimensional load or vehicle in this state must be certified by the Department of Transportation. To be certified, the person must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- (2) Possess a valid driver license from the state or jurisdiction in which the person is a resident.
- (3) Submit an application for certification to the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Transportation on the form provided by the Department of Transportation. The application must contain all required information including a driving record issued within the immediately preceding thirty (30) days.
- (4) Attend a course in escort vehicle certification, as prescribed by the Department of Transportation, and successfully pass the escort vehicle certification examination.

(b) Course and examination. The course will be taught by the Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government Technology. Courses will be taught at locations throughout the state. Class size shall be determined by Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government Technology. Locations, times, and enrollment information are available by calling (405) 744-6049, or online at clgt.okstate.edu.

(c) Certification. The Department of Transportation will grant a certification card to any person who completes an escort vehicle course prescribed by the Department of Transportation, passes the escort vehicle certification examination with a score of seventy-five percent (75%) or higher, and satisfies all other requirements.

- (1) The term of the certification shall be for a maximum period of five (5) years, subject to subsection (d), and shall expire automatically five (5) years after the date of issuance. Upon expiration of the certification, the operator must again comply with the requirements in (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(4) of this Section before the Department of Transportation will issue a new certificate.

- (2) Operators must notify the Department of Transportation, Size and Weight Permit Division in writing within thirty (30) days of any change of address or name.

(d) Denial or withdrawal of certification. The following circumstances shall result in denial or withdrawal of certification:

- (1) Failure to satisfy the requirements of or failure to give required or correct information on

the application for certification as an escort vehicle operator, or the commission of any fraud in making the application.

(2) Violation of rules established by the certifying state.

(3) Suspension, revocation, cancellation, or denial of the driver license of the certified operator. The certified operator shall notify the Department of Transportation, Size and Weight Permit Division, within five (5) days of any such suspension, revocation, cancellation, or denial, and shall provide the Division a copy of the Order from the Department of Public Safety documenting the suspension, revocation, cancellation, or denial of the driver license.

(e) Hearing. Any party aggrieved by the denial or withdrawal of certification under this Section may request a hearing, in writing, with the Department of Transportation by sending the hearing request to the Office of General Counsel, 200 N.E. 21st, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

(f) Certification by other states. An escort vehicle operator shall possess an Oklahoma certification, unless the escort vehicle operator is a resident of a state other than Oklahoma which has a reciprocal agreement with Oklahoma recognizing escort vehicle operator certifications issued by that state [47 O.S., §14-120.1(E)] and is in possession of a current escort vehicle operator certification issued by that state. Under all circumstances, an escort vehicle operator who is an Oklahoma resident shall have an Oklahoma certification.

730:50-5-18. Oversize vehicles and loads

(a) General. Permitted oversize vehicles and loads shall be subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

(1) The applicant for a permit must provide the length, height, and width of the vehicle or combination of vehicles and load requiring a permit.

(2) Date and time of travel shall be permitted as provided for in 47 O.S. §14-101 and in 730:50-5-1.

(3) Certain highways and areas may be designated for use or prohibited from use for a limited time, due to events which would impede traffic conditions.

(4) An escort vehicle or vehicles will be required as provided in (b) of this Section or as provided in 730:50-5-19 for manufactured homes.

(b) Escorts for oversize loads.

(1) Loads greater than twelve (12) feet in width but not more than fourteen (14) feet in width are required to be accompanied by a front escort vehicle on two-lane highways and on super two-lane highways and by a rear escort on multi-lane highways with the required "Oversize Load" sign and flagging on the front of the towing vehicle and on the rear of the load or the towed vehicle, whichever extends the farthest.

(2) Loads more than fourteen (14) feet in width are required to be accompanied by two escort vehicles, one in the front and one in the rear, on two-lane highways or super two-lane highways. A rear escort is required on all multi-lane highways. All loads more than sixteen (16) feet in width are required to be accompanied by two escort vehicles, one in the front and one in the rear, on all roads and highways. The required "Oversize Load" sign and flagging is required on the front of the towing vehicle and on the rear of the load or the towed vehicle, whichever extends the farthest.

(3) Loads with an overall height of fifteen (15) feet and nine (9) inches or more are required to be accompanied by two escort vehicles, one in the front and one in the rear. The required "Oversize Load" sign and flagging is required on the front of the towing vehicle and on the rear of the load or the towed vehicle, whichever extends the farthest. All public utilities and

railroads along the route must be contacted in advance of the move by the permittee. Measuring Pole (Height Pole) shall be meet the requirements as provided by 730:50-5-16(8).

(4) A truck-tractor/semi-trailer combination which is more than eighty (80) feet in overall length is required to be accompanied by one front escort on two-lane highways. A combination other than a truck-tractor/semi-trailer which is more than eighty (80) feet in overall length is required to be accompanied by one front escort on two-lane highways or super two-lane highways.

(5) A truck-tractor/semi-trailer combination or any other combination of vehicles which is more than one hundred (100) feet in overall length is required to be accompanied by two escort vehicles, one in the front and one in the rear, on two-lane highways and super two-lane highways.

730:50-5-19. Manufactured homes and industrialized housing

(a) General provisions for manufactured homes. Permits for movement of manufactured homes and industrialized housing shall require the "Oversize Load" sign and flagging in accordance with 730:50-5-15. Other requirements are:

(1) Oversize movement is subject to the provisions of 47 O.S. §14-101 and 730:50-5-1(1).

(2) The towing vehicle must be at least fourteen (14) feet from bumper to bumper, or have a wheelbase of at least one hundred eighteen (118) inches to tow a manufactured home or industrialized housing at least twelve (12) feet but not more than sixteen (16) feet in width. All towing vehicles must have dual wheels on the drive axles. If the manufactured home is less than twelve (12) feet wide, the towing vehicle must be a truck of at least three-quarter (3/4) ton capacity. If the manufactured home is twelve (12) feet wide or more, the towing vehicle must be of at least two (2) ton capacity.

(3) Red flags and the "Oversize Load" sign are required as provided in 730:50-5-15.

(b) Manufactured homes not more than ten (10) feet wide. Manufactured homes not more than ten (10) feet wide and with an overall length which exceeds seventy (70) feet are required to have an overwidth permit. The towing vehicle must be a truck with a rated capacity of three-quarter (3/4) ton or more. The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required, as provided in 730:50-5-15. An "Oversize Load" sign shall be placed on the front of the towing vehicle and the rear of the manufactured home.

(c) Manufactured homes at least twelve (12) feet wide but not more than fourteen (14) feet wide. For manufactured homes at least twelve (12) feet wide but not more than fourteen (14) feet wide, the towing vehicle must be a truck of at least two (2) ton rated capacity, with dual rear wheels. A front escort is required on all two-lane and super two-lane roads and highways. A rear escort is required on all multi-lane highways. The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required, as provided in 730:50-3-15. An "Oversize Load" sign shall be placed on the front of the towing unit and the rear of the manufactured home. The towing vehicle must maintain a minimum speed of 40 mph on all multi-lane highways, if conditions are favorable. The load must not extend more than one foot on each side at the eaves.

(d) Manufactured homes more than fourteen (14) feet wide but not more than eighteen (18) feet wide. Manufactures homes more than fourteen (14) feet wide but not more than eighteen (18) feet wide will be issued permits in accordance with 47 O.S. §14-103A. The towing vehicle must be a truck of at least two (2) ton rated capacity, with dual rear wheels. Both front and rear escorts are required on all two-lane and super two-lane roads and highways. A rear escort is required on all multi-lane highways. The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are

required, as provided in 730:50-5-15. An "Oversize Load" sign shall be placed on the front of the towing unit and the rear of the manufactured home. Manufactured homes of this width will not be permitted to travel on any turnpike but will be permitted on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways. The towing vehicle must maintain a minimum speed of 40 mph on all multi-lane highways, if conditions are favorable. The load must not extend more than one foot on each side at the eaves.

(e) Manufactured homes more than eighteen (18) feet wide. Manufactured homes more than eighteen (18) feet will be issued permits in accordance with 47

O.S. § 14-103A. Manufactured homes more than eighteen (18) feet shall not be permitted for movements on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of interstate and defense highways. The towing vehicle must be a tandem-axle truck of not less than two hundred twenty (220) horsepower. Both front and rear escorts are required on all two-lane and super two-lane roads and highways. A rear escort is required on all multi-lane highways. The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required on the front of the towing unit and the rear of the manufactured home. Manufactured homes of this width will not be permitted to travel on any turnpike. The towing vehicle must maintain a minimum speed of 40 mph on all multi-lane highways if conditions are favorable. The load must not extend more than one foot on each side at the eaves.

730:50-5-20. Portable buildings

Movement of portable buildings requires the following:

- (1) The towing vehicle for portable buildings not exceeding fourteen (14) feet in width shall be any type of truck. For portable building exceeding fourteen (14) feet in width, but not exceeding sixteen (16) feet in width, the towing vehicle must be a ¾-ton truck.
- (2) Portable buildings must meet the same provisions for escorts and the regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging, as provided in 730:50-5-15, as are required for manufactured homes [see 730:50-5-19 regarding these provisions].

730:50-5-21. Industrialized housing, houses, and buildings

Permits for house or building movement will be issued in accordance with 47 O.S. §14-103C.

- (1) The maximum width will not exceed thirty-two (32) feet at the base and thirty-four (34) feet at the top. The height shall not exceed twenty-one (21) feet on any state or federal highway.
- (2) Travel shall be on highways and at times and dates determined by the Department of Transportation and consistent with public convenience and safety, as specified on the permit. Permits will be issued in accordance with 47 O.S. §14-101 et seq.; provided, the structures shall not be moved on Saturday or Sunday.
- (3) Loads which are fourteen (14) feet or more in width, or in excess of eighty (80) feet in overall length must have two escorts with a flag person.
- (4) House movers will be required to notify any railroad company across whose railroad a house or building is to be moved of the date, time of the anticipated crossing and obtain the train schedule. In all cases when overhead lines are present and the load is fifteen (15) feet and nine (9) inches or more in height, the house mover will be required to notify any affected utility or railroad company in advance of the anticipated move, so overall safety measures can be taken, and flag person(s) can be provided.
- (5) Any structure in excess of sixteen (16) feet in width, the towing unit shall be a tandem-axle truck of no less than two hundred twenty (220) horsepower.

730:50-5-22. Agriculture permits

Agriculture permits shall be governed by 47 O.S. §14-118(e).

(1) Transporting of raw forest products shall not be permitted on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and shall require:

(A) An annual permit with a fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)

(B) Truck and trailer information shall be given to the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Transportation.

(C) The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required, as provided in 730:50-5-15.

(2) Transporting of round baled hay requires:

(A) An annual permit with a fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

(B) Truck and trailer information shall be given to the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Transportation.

(C) The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required, as provided in 730:50-5-15.

(3) Transporting of soil conservation equipment requires:

(A) An annual permit with a fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

(B) Truck and trailer information shall be given to the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Transportation.

(C) Travel on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways shall not be permitted.

(D) The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required, as provided in 730:50-5-15.

730:50-5-23. Unitized equipment

(a) To obtain unitized equipment permit or endorsement to an oversize permit, the following information is required:

(1) make and model of vehicle,

(2) vehicle length (truck),

(3) wheelbase measurement,

(4) protrusion measurements (front and rear),

(5) measurement of lowest point of protrusion above road surface.

(b) The protrusion shall bear luminous tape sufficient to warn the public of the extent of the protrusion.

730:50-3-24. Special mobilized machinery

(a) Permits for special mobilized machinery as defined in 47 O.S. §1-165 and authorized by 47 O.S. §14-118 shall be issued upon application and approval, when such application is accompanied by a certificate of registration or receipt of ad valorem fees paid for such special mobilized machinery. Permit holders shall operate in accordance with the safety requirements of the Oklahoma statutes relating to motor vehicle operations and required equipment found in 47 O.S., Chapters 11, 12, and 74 and any related provision of this subchapter.

(b) Permits for oversize and/or overweight special mobilized machinery shall be issued upon proper application and approval, under authority of 47 O.S., §§ 14- 103, 14-118 and this Chapter. Machines that exceed twelve (12) feet in width and fifteen (15) in height shall not be authorized an annual oversize permit. All oversize equipment shall display the regulation "Oversize Load"

sign on the front and rear of the equipment.

SUBCHAPTER 7. SPECIAL COMBINATION VEHICLES [NEW]

730:50-7-1. General provisions

(a) Defined. Special combination vehicles are defined and subject to 47 O.S. § 14-121, and the Department of Transportation rules pertaining to the movement of oversized and/or overweight vehicles and loads within this state. Annual permits issued shall be specific to the power unit.

(b) Return to Department of Transportation. Any operator that disposes of or removes a Special Combination Vehicle from operation shall return the issued permit for that particular vehicle to the Department.

(c) Service of notice. Any notice required by law or by the rules of the Department of Transportation to be served upon any holder of a Special Combination Vehicle Permit shall be served personally or mailed to the last known address of such person as reflected by the records on file with the Department of Transportation. Notice is deemed complete ten (10) days after mailing. It is the duty of every permit holder to notify the Department of Transportation, Size and Weight Division, in writing, as to any change in the address of such person or his principal place of business.

730:50-7-2. Issuance of permits

The requirements for issuance of special combination vehicle permits are the following:

(1) Where to apply. Application shall be made to the Director of the Size and Weight Permit Division, Department of Transportation, 200 N.E. 21st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105, on a form prescribed by the Department.

(2) Cost. A completed and signed application will be accompanied by a tender of an annual fee of Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$240.00) for each permit issued.

(3) Number. One permit is required for each special combination vehicle.

(4) Expiration. Permits will expire one year from the date of issuance.

(5) Refunds. Refunds for unused portions of issued permits will not be made.

(6) Renewal. The filing of an application for permit or renewal of same does not authorize operation. Operation may only commence after the issuance of a permit by the Department of Transportation.

730:50-7-3. Denial, modification, suspension, and revocation of permits

(a) Failure to qualify. The Department of Transportation may deny or cancel a permit of any applicant or current permit holder who fails to qualify for the issuance of a permit as provided in this Chapter, Oklahoma Tax Commission rules or State Law.

(b) Violation. The Department of Transportation may deny, cancel, modify, suspend or revoke a permit of any holder who has committed a violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter.

(c) Minor disqualification. Where the Department of Transportation determines that minor disqualification and/or violation exists which may be readily rectified by the applicant, holder or driver, the Department of Transportation may informally notify such party by mail or telephone of such minor disqualification or violation, with a request for compliance within a specified period of time. If such party fails to rectify the minor disqualification or violation, the Department of Transportation may proceed according to other provisions of this Chapter, and 730:50-5-9(f) which states: *Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Section shall constitute grounds for the immediate suspension or revocation of the Annual Operating Permit in a manner prescribed by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation. Any*

suspension of said permit shall remain in effect for a period of not less than six (6) months. Any revocation of said permit shall be for a period of not less than one (1) year. [OAC 730:50-5-9(f)].

(d) Denial. In addition to all other provisions of this subchapter any Special Combination Vehicle Permit may be denied, suspended, revoked, or modified, in whole or in part when:

- (1) The applicant makes a false statement on the application for a permit.
- (2) The applicant fails to provide valid and applicable information on the application for a permit.
- (3) The applicant fails to submit the applicable permit fee as required.
- (4) The Department of Transportation determines that the applicant cannot comply with the requirements of this Chapter, Oklahoma Tax Commission rules or State Law.
- (5) The applicant failed to comply with or obtain a previous Special Combination Vehicle Permit.

(e) Procedures. In the event that the Department of Transportation has determined that a permit should be denied, suspended, revoked or canceled for any reason, the following procedures shall apply. [75 O.S. §301 et seq.]:

- (1) The Department of Transportation shall send written notice containing all information required [75 O.S §309] to the concerned applicant or permit holder. Notice will be made as provided in 47 O.S §2-116. Notice will set forth the specific reasons for and the particular action which will be taken.
- (2) The notice shall provide that the Department of Transportation action shall become effective twenty (20) days after mailing unless the licensee timely files a written request for a hearing with the Department of Transportation's Size and Weight Permit Division. Such request shall be timely when filed prior to the effective date of the Department of Transportation action.
- (3) If a timely hearing is requested, such hearing shall be scheduled not less than seven (7) days nor more than fifteen (15) days from the date the Department of Transportation receives the request. The hearing will be held at the Department of Transportation Size and Weight Permit Division in Oklahoma City or at another location set by the Department of Transportation and agreeable to all parties.
- (4) A hearing officer shall be designated by the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation and each party shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence. [75 OS Section 304, et seq.]
- (5) The scope of the hearing shall be confined to the specific reasons for the particular action, all of which will be set forth in the notice letter.
- (6) The hearing officer shall render a decision thereon based upon the law and evidence presented.
- (7) The decision of the hearing officer becomes final after ten (10) days from the date of its entry, unless written request under the provisions of 75 O.S §317, is timely made.
- (8) If applicant or permit holder fails to appear at the scheduled hearing without good cause, the hearing officer shall record the nonappearance and enter an order reflecting the effective date.
- (9) If the Department of Transportation representative fails to appear without good cause, the hearing officer shall record the nonappearance and enter an order of dismissal of the Department of Transportation action; such order of dismissal shall be without prejudice if the basis for the action constitutes noncompliance or a continuing violation of the rules of this Chapter.

(10) Where a timely written request for a rehearing, reopening or reconsideration of the case is received, the Department of Transportation action shall be stayed until a final order has been entered, except as provided in (11) of this Subsection.

(11) Department of Transportation action shall become effective immediately where:

(A) An original application for a permit is denied for failure to qualify.

(B) The Department of Transportation finds that the health, safety, or welfare of the public imperatively requires such action and a finding to the effect is incorporated in its order. [75 O.S §314].

(12) Each party shall be notified of each action taken by the hearing officer.

730:50-7-4. Equipment requirements

Each licensee shall insure that the operation of special combination vehicles complies with the following rules in addition to other equipment requirements established by state or federal laws or rules:

(1) Power. All truck-tractors shall be powered to provide adequate acceleration and hill climbing ability under normal operating conditions, and to operate on level grades at speeds compatible with other traffic. The ability to maintain a minimum speed of 40 mph under normal operating conditions on any grade over which the combination is operated is required.

(2) Traction. All truck-tractors shall have adequate traction to maintain a minimum speed of 20 mph under normal operating conditions on any grade over which the combination is operated and to be able to resume a speed of 20 mph after stopping on any such grade and, except in extreme road or weather conditions, to negotiate at any speed all grades encountered.

(3) Tires. Stiff sidewall tires are recommended. Adequate tread and safe condition is required.

(4) Fifth wheel. A heavy duty fifth wheel is required. All fifth wheels must be clean and lubricated with a light duty grease at all times while operating in this state.

(5) Pick-up plates. Pick-up plates must be of equal strength to the fifth wheel.

(6) King pin. The kingpin must be of a solid type and permanently fastened. Screw out or folding type kingpins are prohibited.

(7) Pintle hook and eye. All hitch connections must be of a no-slack type, preferably air actuated ram. Air actuated hitches which are isolated from the primary air transmission system are recommended.

(8) Drawbar. The length of the drawbars (a beam which serves as a point of connection for some trailers) shall be consistent with the clearance required between trailers for turning and backing maneuvers.

(9) Axles. Axles must be those designed for the width of the body.

(10) Brakes. All braking systems must comply with state and federal requirements. In addition, fast air transmission and release valves must be provided on all trailers, semi-trailers and converter dolly axles. A brake force limiting valve, sometimes called a "slippery road" valve may be provided on the steering axle if Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations would so allow. Indiscriminate use of engine retarder brakes is prohibited.

(11) Mud flaps or splash guards. As required by state law. [47 O.S. §12-405.3]

730:50-7-5. Operation of special combination vehicles

The procedures established below shall be followed when operating a special combination

vehicle in this state:

- (1) Minimum distance. A minimum distance of 500 feet shall be maintained between Special Combination Vehicles and other vehicles except when overtaking and passing. Except when passing another vehicle in the same direction, or when emergency conditions exist, a Special Combination Vehicle shall remain at all times in the right hand outside lane.
- (2) Disabled vehicle. In the event a Special Combination Vehicle is disabled for any reason other than an accident, it shall be parked as far off the travelled roadway as possible and proper warning devices displayed as required by state law.
- (3) Explosives, poisons and radioactive materials. Transportation by Special Combination Vehicles of Class A and B explosives, Class A poisons and Class 1, 2 and 3 radioactive material or any other Material deemed to be unduly hazardous by the Department of Transportation is prohibited. This prohibition does not include the transportation of gasoline, fuel, oil or heating oil, or such petroleum products.

730:50-7-6. Stability

All multiple trailer combinations must be stable at all times during normal braking and normal operation. A multiple trailer combination when traveling on a level, smooth, paved surface must follow in the path of the towing vehicle without shifting or swerving more than three inches to either side when the towing vehicle is moving in a straight line.

730:50-7-7. Weight

The total weight on any single axle shall not exceed 20,000 pounds. The total axle weight on any tandem axle shall not exceed 34,000 pounds. The total weight on any group of two or more consecutive axles shall not exceed the amounts shown in 23 U.S.C Section 27. All Special Combination Vehicles must be properly registered.

730:50-7-8. Load sequence

The heaviest trailer or semi-trailer should be placed in front and the lightest at the rear whenever possible and practicable. In no case shall either trailer or semi-trailer be placed ahead of another trailer or semi-trailer which carries an appreciably heavier load. An empty trailer or semi-trailer shall not precede a loaded trailer or semi-trailer.

SUBCHAPTER 9. NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PERMITS [NEW]

730:50-9-1. Regional Permits

(a) The Department of Transportation adopts by reference the agreement entered into between the Department of Transportation and the Western Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials (WASHTO), as well as the Guide for Uniform Laws and Regulations Governing Truck Size and Weight Among the WASHTO States, for the future issuance of multi-state permits for single-trip non-divisible loads in accordance with said agreement.

(b) The Department of Transportation adopts by reference the agreement entered into between the Department of Transportation and SASHTO, as well as the Agreement on Multi-State Permitting of Oversize and Overweight Vehicles to consider a single, routine, uniform mechanism for processing multi-state single trip permits for oversize and/or overweight vehicle combinations which are within the standards and specifications of the agreement.

730:50 APPENDIX A. DUAL LANE AXLES [NEW]

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